

The 2018 Updated Honda Fit

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ability, and I am happy to say, it still has more usable space than any other car in its class.

The rear seats can fold up or down, depending on what you need to carry, and the trunk is massive for a car that is only 4,100 mm long.

So, if you need a lot of space, than the Fit is the best car in its category, by miles!

It is also one of the most fuel-efficient, as I averaged just 6.9L/100km during my test cycle.

For driving around town, the 2018 Fit performs well, offering a comfortable ride, a good turning circle, and decent get up and go – take it on the highway, well that’s another story!

You see, the only motor currently offered on the Fit is a 1.5L, four-cylinder unit, that features 16 valves and double over head cams, but you still only get 130 hp – and even that arrives at 6,600 rpm, so well above its normal operating range. Max torque is 114 lb-ft, so certainly not a



power house. Power is sent to the front wheels via either a CVT automatic, or a six-speed manual.

I chose to test the manual, because I thought it would be fun, but I was wrong! I found the gear

ratios to be too short, so you’re constantly changing gears, and out on the highway, its little engine was spinning at over 3,000 rpm, which means, it never relaxes, and becomes tiring after

half an hour. So, if you do a lot of highway driving, the Fit is not ideal, even though you’d enjoy its fuel economy.

Pricing is quite good, as the Fit range starts from \$15,190.

If all you need is a city run-about, than the 2018 Fit would suit you just fine.

If you use the highway on a regular basis, you might wanna look elsewhere.

Now You Can Personalize Your Mini In 3D!



Since 2001, MINI has been a pioneer in the area of vehicle personalization by offering customers choice from a huge range of style, comfort, convenience and technology options, enabling them to create a car which truly reflects their personality and lifestyle. In 2018 MINI will take this

concept to a new level with the launch of ‘MINI Yours Customised.’ Using a new online store, customers will be able to transform their MINI into a uniquely personalized special by designing their own exclusive items. These innovative new upgrades will be available for UK cus-

tomers throughout the course of 2018. The MINI Yours Customized product range will include the indicator inlays known as side scuttles, trims for the interior passenger side, LED door sills and LED door projectors. These new personalized products will be designed by customers

on a new website and manufactured using innovative new production techniques including 3D printing and laser lettering. New advanced production processes enables precise recreation of the customer’s designs and will be delivered within the space of just a few weeks. Customers will be

able to easily fit items to their vehicle themselves, or by a MINI retailer of their choosing. Upgraded items will be removable, allowing for customized MINIs to stay on-trend with future additional upgrades or that they can be restored to their original specification for resale.



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Subaru Rally Team Claims Big Win In BC Winter Rally



MISSISSAUGA Subaru Rally Team Canada (SRTC) closed out the 2017 Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) season on a high note, claiming victory at the Big White Winter Rally in British Columbia.

Led by driver Antoine L’Estage and co-driver Alan Ockwell, SRTC led from start to finish yet again, adding another win to its tally on the season.

The victory at the 10-stage, 176-kilometre event through the snow-covered mountains outside Kelowna, B.C., capped an impressive comeback for L’Estage and Ockwell, giving the duo their fifth consecutive victory after failing to finish the first two events of the season.

The win also made official L’Estage as the 2017 Driver’s champion and Ockwell the Co-

Driver’s champion — their 10th and fifth such titles, respectively.

“We’re really happy to finish the season with victory here,” L’Estage said.

“We didn’t have a perfect season, but everyone worked hard all year to get us to this point now. With the work of Subaru Canada and the guys at Rocket Rally, we secured all three titles — Driver’s, Co-Driver’s and Manufacturer’s. We had challenges this year, and facing challenges is an important part of this sport.”

Beyond the stellar performance by SRTC, the Subaru brand had a strong showing at Big White.

Nine of the Top 10 finishers of the event were Subaru vehicles, capping an impressive season that saw the automaker clinch the Manufacturer’s title with two events remaining on the calendar.

Championship winners will be honoured at an awards gala in January in Pointe-Claire, Que.

The Canadian Rally Championship (CRC) was launched in 1957, making it our longest-running national motorsport series.

The championship comprises seven rounds, three in British Columbia, one in Ontario and three in Quebec.

Subaru Canada began competing in the series in the early 1990s and has, since 1998, supported the CRC officially, first as a Title Sponsor and more recently as a Presenting Sponsor.

Rally fans and Subaru fans are closely linked through the popular Subaru member rebate — CRC members have the chance to receive a \$750 rebate on the purchase or lease of any new Subaru vehicle! - CNW